

Northern Shrike - 1 at Grand River on Mar. 13 (EH), 1 at Cape Wolfe on Mar. 25 (AM).

Red-winged Blackbird - 2 m at Crossroads on Mar. 25 (FRC), 3-4 at Bunbury on Mar. 28 (SEV), 1 in Montague on Mar. 30 (PW), 2 at Cherry Valley on Mar. 31 (JW), 20 at Oyster Bed Bridge on Apr. 1 (MWh), 2 m at Waterside on Apr. 1 (FRC), 1 at Head of Montague on Apr. 5 (CW).

Common Grackle - 1 in the Montague area in early March (JW), 10-11 at Bunbury on Mar. 28 (SEV), 6-8 at Vernon on Mar. 31 (JW), 2 at Waterside on Mar. 31 (FRC), 11 at Winsloe on Apr. 2 (NGH), 50+ at Waterside on Apr. 3 (FRC), about 300 in a flock at Grandview on Apr. 3 (WEC), 1 building a nest in Charlottetown on Apr. 13 (JW).

Dark-eyed Junco - 5 at Bunbury on Mar. 17 (SEV), 2 at Waterside on Mar. 31 (FRC).

White-throated Sparrow -1 at Beech Grove on Apr. 16 (FRC).

Song Sparrow - 1 at Waterside on Mar. 31 (FRC), 1 at Head of Montague on Apr. 1 (JW), 1 in Bunbury on Apr. 4 (SEV), 1 in Charlottetown on Apr. 6 (GH).

In addition a large earthworm was seen in Charlottetown on Mar. 31 (HWJ), spring peepers were heard in Milltown Cross on Apr. 5 (LA), and a mink was seen crossing the road in Milltown Cross on Apr. 15 (WEC).

FEEDER REPORT

Mrs. Thelma Clark of Indian River, writing on Mar. 30, reports their feeder and nearby fields to be a hive of activity: hundreds of Canada Goose in a field that had potatoes in it last year, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 30 Bluejay, 15 Black-capped Chickadee, 4 Boreal Chickadee, 2 pairs of Red-breasted Nuthatch, several House Sparrow, 12 Red-winged Blackbird (Mar. 20), 8 Common Grackle (Mar. 20), a few Brown-headed Cowbird (Mar. 20), over 70 Evening Grosbeak (including one banded male), 6 Dark-eyed Junco, and several Tree Sparrow. In addition 8 red squirrels come to the door for peanuts and a chipmunk was seen briefly in mid March surveying the snow on the ground.

Geoff Hogan reports that except for the suet hangers, the feeding station at his home at 153 North River Road has been closed since the third week of March. However on Apr. 16-17 the following birds were present: 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Bluejay, 2 Common Crow, 2 American Robin, 10 Starling, 6 House Sparrow, 20 Common Grackle, 15-20 Evening Grosbeak, 1 m American Goldfinch (nearing complete breeding plumage), 2 Song Sparrow.

Mrs. Beverley Dumville of Cornwall reports in mid April that in addition to the regulars at her feeder she has 1 f Hairy Woodpecker, 1 pair Downy Woodpecker, 1 White-breasted Nuthatch, 1 pair Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1 Brown Creeper (Apr. 9), 1 Fox Sparrow (Apr. 12).

CUSEC News Release (con't)....

Opposed British Columbia plans for two dams in the Grand Canyon of the Stikine River, whose lower portion flows through the newly established Stikine-LeConte Wilderness in Southeast Alaska.